

Post Office and School (early 1860's)
Tower Ranch, Salt Spring Valley
Near Angels Camp, Calaveras County, California
FELIX

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Western Office, Division of Design and Construction
1000 Geary Street
San Francisco, California

POST OFFICE
Felix, Calaveras County, California

Owner or Custodian: Tower family, Tower Ranch, Felix.

Date of Erection: Early 1860's.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Unknown.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations, wood frame, clapboard exterior, shingle roof, brick chimney.

Other Existing Records: Unknown.

Additional Data: Originally built for a community schoolhouse, it was removed from its original site to its present site shortly after its erection. The building was used for a meeting house and for many years served as the Felix Post Office. Within recent years the post office has been discontinued and the building is unused at the present time.

Felix is at the present time more commonly known as Towers, or Tower Ranch, because the settlement there consists solely of the ranch buildings belonging to the Tower family and its heirs. It originally was a stage station on the old route from Stockton to Angels Camp and the ranch has been operated for over seventy-five years by the first Mr. Tower, a native of New England, and his descendants. The ranch buildings include several fine barns dating from the late 1850's and early 1860's and the main ranch house, a large frame building of the same period and distinctly

Additional Data: (Cont.) New England in character and detail.
All these buildings are in good condition and in use at the
present time.

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